

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-82 were previously withdrawn from consideration in response to the restriction requirement and are now cancelled without prejudice to permit allowance of this application.

The present claims were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Volk et al, US 2005/0004774. The Volk application was filed July 1, 2004, based on a provisional application filed July 3, 2003. Therefore, the earliest effective date of the Volk reference is July 3, 2003.

The present application was filed February 17, 2004, based on a provisional application filed July 11, 2003. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 by one of the present inventors, Youval Nehmadi, establishing a date of invention in this country and Israel (a WTO member country) prior to the earliest effective date of the Volk reference. Consequently, all of the present claims are patentable over the Volk reference.

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